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1. PERMREP MET AUGUST 9 WITH DANILOV, COUNSELOR OF SOVIET MISSION TO UNEP AND MOISEEV, THIRD SECRETARY, TO DISCUSS UPCOMING CONFERENCE. SOVIET DELEGATION WILL NUMBER AROUND FOURTEEN, INCLUDING DANILOV AND MOISEEV, AND WILL BE HEADED BY FORMER MINISTER OF GEOLOGY SEDERENKO, WHO IS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

2. SOVIET DELEGATION WILL WISH "TO SHARE THEIR EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE" WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS, BUT DANILOV UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC INITIATIVES WHICH DELEGATION MIGHT PROPOSE. WHILE ESSENTIALLY NON-COMMITTAL ON QUESTION OF SMALL DESERTIFICATION UNIT WITH UNEP, HE RATHER POINTEDLY WONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE GROUP
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3. ONLY REALLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WHICH DANILOV FORESEES IS THAT OF FINANCING. IN THAT CONNECTION, HE ASKED IF PERMREP THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE MERIT IN HAVING "SMALL GROUP" MEET DURING CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS METHODS OF FINANCING. PERMREP NOTED THAT TOLBA ANTICIPATES THAT

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL PUSH HARD FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND, BUT THAT TOLBA HIMSELF FEELS THIS IS NON-STARTER AND, AS HE MENTIONED AT AUGUST 4 BRIEFING, HE FAVORS A CONSORTIUM APPROACH. DANILOV AGREED THAT TOLBA HAD NOT EXPLAINED VERY CLEARLY WHAT HE HAD IN MIND. PERMREP SUGGESTED THAT GIVEN LACK OF SPECIFICITY, IT MIGHT BE PREMATURE TO PLAN TO HAVE GROUP SUCH AS DANILOV SUGGESTED MEET DURING CONFERENCE; HE NEVERTHELESS WOULD REPORT SUGGESTION TO DEPARTMENT. (AS REPORTED REF. B, TOLBA HOPES TO PRESENT DETAILS ON FINANCING PROPOSALS IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT).

4. DANILOV SUGGESTED FURTHER MEETING NEXT WEEK. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES PERMREP MAKE ANY FURTHER RESPONSE TO DANILOV'S SUGGESTION ON FINANCIAL QUESTION, PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE BY AUGUST 16.
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